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## PRESS RELEASE

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NATURE OF CALL: ARRESTS FOR BURGLARY, CAR THEFTS  
LOCATION OF CALL: AUBURN / NEWCASTLE  
CASE NUMBER: SO 01-19305

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On November 28, 2001, Placer County Sheriff's detectives arrested two suspects and identified a third believed to be responsible for a spree of property crimes between 10/17/01 and 11/10/01.

Arrested were Travis Dean Smith, a 21-year-old Auburn resident, and his cousin, Brandon Wayne Smith, also 21 years old and from Auburn. A third suspect, Timothy Joshua Godwin, a 19-year-old Auburn man, was identified and will be referred to the District Attorney for prosecution.

The trio is believed to be responsible for a burglary to a home on Mt. Vernon Road on or about 11/9/01. The suspects forced entry to the home by breaking a window and stole jewelry from a bedroom. They then forced a garage latch and stole a 1985 Ford Mustang. The lead investigator, Detective Troy Minton-Sander, estimated the loss to be \$9,000.

The three are also believed to be responsible for a theft from a barn, reported 11/8/01, on Wise Road in Auburn where they stole a quadrunner valued at \$7,700.

Brandon and Travis Smith are also believed responsible for the theft of a 1979 Chevrolet van stolen from Main Street, Newcastle, on 10/17/01.

Brandon Smith and Timothy Godwin are believed responsible for the theft of a 1989 Nissan Sentra on 10/20/01, stolen from the Motel 6 in Auburn.

Brandon Smith is believed to be responsible for stealing a red Ford Bronco on 11/7/01 from High Street in the City of Auburn.

To date, officers have recovered the Bronco, Nissan, Quadrunner, and Chevy van as well as tools.

The investigation is continuing and a fourth person is suspected to have participated in one or more of these crimes.

The Smith cousins remain in custody at the Placer County Jail pending \$50,000 bail.

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**RELEASED BY: Sgt. John Addoms**

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